2. A firmware updating method applied in a disk system comprising a computer composed of a plurality of disk devices each having a first memory storing firmware, and an update program for updating specific information and firmware data of the firmware of said disk devices, comprising:

a starting step of starting said update program;

a storing step of storing firmware of one of said disk devices into a second memory coupled to said computer, and;

an updating step of transmitting the firmware stored in said second memory to a disk device to be updated out of said disk devices, and updating to the firmware stored in said second memory.

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## SEE APPENDIX FOR CHANGE MADE TO CLAIMS AND SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new claims:

--8. The disk system of claim 1, further comprising a second memory for selectively storing a selected firmware of one of said plurality of disk devices.

9. The disk system of claim 1, wherein said computer is configured so that firmware of one of said plurality of disk devices is updated to the firmware of another one of said plurality of disk devices.

10. The disk system of claim 8, wherein said computer is configured to compare a parameter of the firmware of each of said plurality of disk devices so as to determine said selected firmware.

11. The firmware updating method of claim 2, further comprising a comparing step of comparing a parameter of the firmware of each of said plurality of disk devices so as to determine said firmware stored in said second memory.

12. The disk system of claim 9, further comprising a second memory for selectively storing said firmware of another one of said plurality of disk devices.

13. The disk system of claim 12, wherein said computer is configured to compare a parameter of the firmware of each of said plurality of disk devices so as to determine said firmware of another one of said plurality of disk devices.--

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## REMARKS

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bealkowski et al.. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

**I.    CLAIM 1**

The Examiner alleges that "Bealkowski et al. discloses two firmware banks that read as first memory storing firmware." However, it is respectfully submitted that the alleged first memories 502, 504 of Bealkowski et al. operate for the *same* computer